

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL  
IN ORGANIZATION SESSION

Wednesday, January 3, 1973

CITY OF FORT WAYNE, INDIANA  
Journal of the Proceedings  
of the Common Council

The Common Council of the City of Fort Wayne met in the Council Chambers Wednesday  
evening, January 3, A.D., 1973 in Organization Session. President John  
Nuckols in the chair, and Charles W. Westerman, Clerk, at the desk, present  
the following members \_\_\_\_\_ viz:

Burns ✓, Hinga ✓, Kruse ✓, Nuckols ✓, Moses ✓,  
Donald Schmidt, ✓, Vivian Schmidt ✓, Steir ✓, Talarico ✓.  
Absent 1: Councilman Kruse.

The invocation was given by Reverend Fred E. Vonderloge, Concordia Lutheran  
College

Received report from the City Controller for the month of \_\_\_\_\_, 197\_\_\_\_.  
Motion made and carried that report be made a matter of record and placed on file.

~~The minutes of the last regular \_\_\_\_\_, 197\_\_\_\_ session having been  
delivered to the Council, were, on motion, approved as published.~~

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FRED VONDERLAGE

City Council January 3, 1973

7PM

Oh Lord of all creation and all creatures,  
we offer up praise and thanksgiving and supplica-  
tion on the occasion of this new beginning.  
Praise for this season of rebirth made new to  
us through the celebration of Christ our Lord's  
birth; Thanksgiving especially for the  
protection and prosperity of the past year  
in our community; Supplication that, though  
we have not always behaved in our city as  
brothers under you our heavenly Father, we may  
yet have your forgiveness and help to seek a  
new atmosphere of mutual, brotherly concern  
starting here in Council.

For we know Oh Lord, as did the Psalmist:  
"Unless the Lord builds the house, those who  
build it labor in vain.

"Unless the Lord watches over the city, the  
watchman stays awake in vain

"It is vain that you should rise up early,  
to go late to rest, eating the bread of  
anxious toil, for he gives to his beloved  
in sleep."

Above all, Oh Lord, what we seek is peace,  
here in Ft. Wayne between all citizens, in our  
state, our country and in the world - But Lord  
let it begin here for us. Let us pray for  
Fort Wayne as David prayed for Jerusalem:

"Pray for the peace of Fort Wayne!

'May they prosper who love you!

Peace be within your walls,

and security within your towers! '

For my brethren and companions' sake

I will say, 'Peace be within you! '

For the sake of the house of the Lord our God,

I will seek your good."

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DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ CHARLES W. WESTERMAN, CITY CLERK

Amen

CALL, CONSENT AND WAIVER OF NOTICE OF A SPECIAL  
MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT  
WAYNE, INDIANA, TO BE HELD WEDNESDAY, JANUARY  
3, 1973 at 7:00 o'clock P.M., E.S.T.

We, the undersigned, being all of the members of the Common Council of the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana, do hereby call a special meeting of said Council to be held on Wednesday, January 3, 1973, at 7:00 o'clock P.M., E.S.T. and jointly and severally waive notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting and consent that same be held on the aforesaid date for the purpose of considering and acting upon the organization of said Council for the year 1973 as required by Law.

John Muehl  
Samuel J. Talaris  
Richard C. Wagoner, Jr.  
Walter A. Lums  
James S. Stue

Eugene Kraush  
Virian S. Schmidt  
Q) Schmidt  
William T. Zinga

Dated this 1-3-73

Charles W. Westerman  
Charles W. Westerman  
City Clerk

Made a matter of record

Charles W. Westerman  
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City Clerk

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DATE 7/3/73 CHARLES W. WESTERMAN, CITY CLERK



CITY OF FORT WAYNE

FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

EUGENE KRAUS, JR.  
MEMBER OF CITY COUNCIL  
FOURTH DISTRICT

January 3, 1972

Mr. Charles W. Westerman  
City Clerk  
City County Building  
Fort Wayne, Indiana 46802

Dear Mr. President, Councilmen and Clerk:

I regret to inform you, my colleagues, that I am unable to attend the election of Common Council reorganizational meeting tonight, because I have been confined to my bed with the flu.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my desire that the night be fruitful and will result in a decision that will make the Council as successful as the year just past.

Respectfully,

Eugene Kraus, Jr.  
Councilman 4th District

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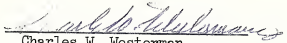
NOMINATION FOR PRESIDENT

The chair is now open for the nomination of President for the year 1973. The office of President shall preside at all meetings, preserve order and decorum and decide all questions of order subject to appeal to the council. He shall appoint all standing committees, and all special committees that may be ordered by the Council. All standing committees shall be appointed at the commencement of each year of the term of the Council and shall serve only during the term of the President appointing the same. He shall fill all existing vacancies that may thereafter occur in any of said committees.

He shall sign all ordinances, orders, and resolutions passed by the Council before their presentation to the Mayor, as well as the Journal of Proceedings.

Councilman Hinga placed the name of Councilman Moses in nomination for President. Councilman Burns seconded the nomination of Councilman Moses for President. Councilman Burns moved the nomination be closed and seconded by Councilman Hinga. Motion was unanimously carried. Thereupon Council President Nuckols moved that the City Clerk cast a unanimous ballot for Councilman Moses as President. Motion was unanimously carried.

ATTEST:

  
Charles W. Westerman  
City Clerk

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# PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

I would like to thank each Councilman for this honor. I deeply appreciate this confidence and I will do my very best to represent our City Council, as an independent legislative body that expresses the wishes of the entire City of Fort Wayne. Our City Council members come from many backgrounds and have varied points of view; but we are all here today because we share a common concern--- a concern for the future of Fort Wayne.

We have the responsibility for over 1000 more days of government in our city. During this time, we must have the confidence of the people and we must take the people into our confidence. It is imperative that we let the citizens of Fort Wayne know what we are doing and where we are going. They must know who is for what program and who is against. This year may be difficult, because sometimes it is only out of conflict that we understand what values are necessary for the betterment of our city.

I am a strong believer in goal or task oriented government. We must determine our workable parameters and then set out to achieve specific goals. The tasks of City government are awesome; but I am going to name a few goals:

1. Property tax relief --- each year more and more burdens are placed on the back of the local property taxpayer. This is a crushing burden on the elderly, the working man and women, all those on fixed incomes, and those who rent or own their modest home. The local property tax is forced to take on more and more for which it was never intended --- health, welfare, the high cost of poverty, special school costs, and more. Hopefully revenue sharing will be of help in this dilemma.
2. Jobs are the essence of people in the city. One goal should be to increase our tax base and promote policies and programs to meet an equal opportunity goal of full employment.
3. The traffic in our city needs to be untangled. We must search for every available federal dollar to assist us in the relief of traffic congestion. Likewise operating subsidies for our mass transit system are necessary. Total dependency on the fare box is unrealistic and leads to the vicious cycle of rising fares and declining passengers.
4. Increased police protection is vital. We will hire 25 new policemen this year. This is just a start on what is necessary to make our streets safer.

5. We can not any longer deny the benefits of Cable T.V. to the citizens of Fort Wayne. If the Board of Works will not proceed, we must explore other avenues. Reticence on their part requires action on our part. Who can deny that 7 hours of football every Sat. and Sun. on nearly all stations for 6 months is not enough? People should have a much broader choice. The benefits of this new media of communication can enhance all of our lives.
6. The budgeting procedures of the Board of Works must be changed so that a strictly itemized list is required to be brought to the City Council each year. Perhaps new state legislation is necessary to achieve a closer scrutiny of this Board.
7. We should be on the County computer. The County has unused facilities and we have expending needs which can most economically be met by combining the two systems.
8. Slum conditions, blight and decay must be eradicated. A decent residence should be the right of every person in our community.
9. Our environment must be preserved; it is our responsibility.
10. All attempts to usurp the powers of the City Council by any other group must be forcefully met. Our United States Constitution is predicated upon ~~upon~~ checks and balances. City Council is the local legislative body which controls the budget. If its powers are reduced, then the rights of each individual citizen are reduced proportionally.

Councilman, our problems are difficult and sometimes it appears we are completely on the defensive -- fighting against blight, fighting against crime, fighting against pollution, fighting against deficits, fighting against poverty. However, our job as City Councilmen and City Councilwomen, is to be an advocate for activity and to go on the offensive.

We all have a vision of a good city; a city where people can have a fulfilling life. And we have an obligation to extend this opportunity to the fulfillment to all areas of our city. Ours should be a strong city of new ideas, realistic concepts, an new possibilities for better living. We can do it. We can assist in creating recreational facilities that are attuned to the needs of this age; we can help to achieve the most modern communications available via cable television; we can explore the building of new towns within our city; we can find new economic uses for our downtown areas; but most of all we can help provide every citizen the opportunity to not only make a living, but also to live a fulfilling life in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

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NOMINATION FOR VICE-PRESIDENT

The chair is now open for the nomination of Vice-President for the year 1973.

The office of Vice-President shall preside at all meetings of the Common Council and perform all other duties of the President in absence of the latter: Provided that in the event the office of President shall become vacant, he shall not automatically succeed thereto.

He shall be Ex Officio the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole and the Chairman of the Public Relations Committee.

Councilman Nuckols placed the name of Councilman Talarico in nomination ~~of Councilman~~ for Vice-President. Councilman Burns seconded the nomination of Councilman Talarico for Vice-President. Councilman D. Schmidt moved the nomination be closed and seconded by Councilman Hinga. Motion was unanimously carried. Thereupon Council President Moses moved that the City Clerk cast a unanimous ballot for Councilman Talarico as Vice-President. Motion was unanimously carried.

ATTEST: 

Charles W. Westerman  
City Clerk

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NOMINATION FOR CITY PLAN COMMISSION MEMBER

The chair is now open for the nomination of City Plan Commission Member for the year 1973.

Councilman Hinga placed the name of Councilman Nuckols in nomination for City Plan Commission Member. Councilman Burns seconded the nomination of Councilman Nuckols for City Plan Commission. President Moses recognized Councilman Stier who then placed Councilman V. Schmidt in nomination for the City Plan Commission Member. Councilman D. Schmidt seconded the nomination of Councilman of V. Schmidt for City Plan Commission Member. Motion was unanimously carried. Thereupon Council President Moses ordered the clerk to call for a vote. City Clerk, Charles W. Westerman, then called for a vote:

John Nuckols receiving (6) six votes:

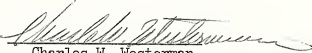
Burns, Hinga, Nuckols, Moses, D. Schmidt,  
Talarico

Vivian Schmidt receiving (2) two votes:

V. Schmidt, Stier

Thereupon Council President Moses moved that the City Clerk cast a unanimous ballot for Councilman Nuckols as City Plan Commission Member. Motion was unanimously carried.

ATTEST:

  
Charles W. Westerman  
City Clerk

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NOMINATION FOR JOHNNY APPLESEED COMMISSION MEMBER

The chair is now open for the nomination of Johnny Appleseed Commission Member for the year 1973.

Councilman D. Schmidt placed the name of Councilman S. Talarico in nomination of ~~Councilman~~ XXXX for Johnny Appleseed Commission

Member. Councilman Burns seconded the nomination of Councilman

S. Talarico for Johnny Appleseed Commission Member. Councilman

D. Schmidt moved the nomination be closed and seconded by Councilman

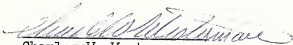
Hinga. Motion was unanimously carried. Thereupon Council

President Moses moved that the City Clerk cast a unanimous

ballot for Councilman Talarico as Johnny Appleseed Commission

Member. Motion was unanimously carried.

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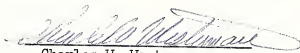
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NOMINATION FOR THREE RIVERS COORDINATING COUNCIL MEMBER

The chair is now open for the nomination of Three Rivers Coordinating Council Member for the year 1973.

Councilman J. Stier placed the name of Councilman Kraus in nomination of ~~XXXXXX~~ for Three Rivers Coordinating Council Member. Councilman Burns seconded the nomination of Councilman Kraus for Three Rivers Coordinating Council Member. Councilman Nuckols moved the nomination be closed and seconded by Councilman J. Stier. Motion was unanimously carried. Thereupon Council President Moses moved that the City Clerk cast a unanimous ballot for Councilman Kraus as Three Rivers Coordinating Council Member. Motion was unanimously carried.

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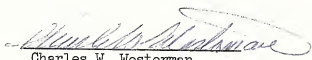
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NOMINATION FOR THREE RIVERS ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD MEMBER

The chair is now open for the nomination of Three Rivers Environmental Control Board Member for the year 1973.

Councilman Talarico placed the name of Councilman D. Schmidt in nomination ~~of Councilman~~ XXXXXXXXXXXX for Three Rivers Environmental Control Board Member. Councilman Hinga seconded the nomination of Councilman D. Schmidt for Three Rivers Environmental Control Board Member. Councilman Muckols moved the nomination be closed and seconded by Councilman Burns. Motion was unanimously carried. Thereupon Council President Moses moved that the City Clerk cast a unanimous ballot for Councilman D. Schmidt as Three Rivers Environmental Control Board Member. Motion was unanimously carried.

ATTEST:

  
Charles W. Westerman  
City Clerk

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NOMINATION FOR METROPOLITAN HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION MEMBER

The chair is now open for the nomination of Metropolitan Human Relations Commission Member for the year 1973.

Councilman Nuckols placed the name of Councilman J. Stier in nomination ~~for Metropolitan Human Relations Commission Member~~ for Metropolitan Human Relations Commission Member. Councilman Talarico seconded the nomination of Councilman Stier for Metropolitan Human Relations Commission Member. Councilman Hinga moved the nomination be closed and seconded by Councilman Hinga. Motion was unanimously carried. Thereupon Council President Moses moved that the City Clerk cast a unanimous ballot for Councilman Stier as Metropolitan Human Relations Commission Member. Motion was unanimously carried.

ATTESTED:

  
Charles W. Westerman  
City Clerk

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NOMINATION FOR (C.A.B.) CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER

The chair is now open for the nomination of (C.A.B.) Citizens Advisory Board Member for the year 1973.

Councilman Burns placed the name of Councilman V. Schmidt in nomination ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ for (C.A.B.) Citizens Advisory Board Member.

Councilman Nuckols seconded the nomination Councilman V. Schmidt for (C.A.B.) Citizens Advisory Board Member. Councilman Nuckols

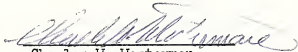
moved the nomination be colosed and seconded by Councilman J. Stier.

Motion was unanimously carried. Thereupon Council President Moses

moved that the City Clerk cast a unanimous ballot for Councilman V. Schmidt

as (C.A.B.) Citizens Advisory Board Member. Motion was unanimously carried.

ATTEST:

  
Charles W. Westerman  
City Clerk

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The Council then adjourned.

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that I am the duly elected, acting and incumbent City Clerk of the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana and as such the custodian of the records of the Common Council of said City and that the above and foregoing is the true, full and complete record of the proceedings of the Common Council of the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana for its Organization Session, held on Wednesday the 3rd day of January, 1973; that the numbered ordinances and resolutions shown therein were duly adopted by said Common Council on said date and were presented by me to the Mayor of the City of Fort Wayne and were signed and approved or disapproved by said Mayor as and on the dates shown as to each such ordinance and resolution respectively; and that all such records, proceedings, ordinances and resolutions remain on file and record in my office.

WITNESS my hand and the official seal of the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana, this 3rd day of January, 1973.

  
Charles W. Westerman  
City Clerk

SEAL

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